

# Contraception: What is right for you?

Every woman has the right to choose if and when she wants to become pregnant. If you are sexually active, the only way to prevent pregnancy is to choose an effective method of contraception, and to use it correctly and consistently.

There are only 2 ways to prevent pregnancy:

- 1. Not having sexual intercourse ( abstinence )
- 2. Using an effective method of contraception.

There are many safe and effective methods of contraception available today, and one of them is right for you.

Our friendly staff at the Fertility Control Clinic can help you decide what contraception is right for you.

We care about your sexual health and wellbeing and we are experts in fertility control and reproductive health with over forty years experience.

Our health facilities and services are accredited to best practice standards and guidelines thereby providing quality assurance for you.

Our staff work together to provide you the best level of patient care.

For help to choose the right method of contraception or for more information, please contact the Fertility Control Clinic.

## Copper IUD

## What is a copper IUD?

A copper IUD is a small intrauterine device with copper wire wrapped around it. The IUD is inserted in the uterus and it prevents pregnancy by thickening the mucous in the cervix which prevents sperm form entering. It also thins the lining of the uterus which makes it less suitable for pregnancy.

#### How effective is it?

More than 99% effective contraceptive method.

#### Advantages?

It lasts for up to 5 or 10 years ( longer than hormonal IUD ) and unlike the hormonal IUD there are no hormonal side effects.

#### **Disadvantages?**

Can cause periods to become heavier and sometimes more painful.

#### Prevent STI sand HIV?

No. Only latex male condoms and female condoms protect against STIs.

### How to obtain it?

Fertility Control Clinic and your general practitioner. Only you and your doctor can decide if this contraceptive method is right for you.



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